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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1916.

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### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

RAILWAY, CENTRAL STATION, 5.30 P.M.  
Thursday, Nov. 2nd.—Nos. 3 and 4  
Companies (except Recruits) as Central  
Recruits of No. 4 Company under Com-  
pany Sergeant-Major.  
Friday, Nov. 3rd.—No. 2 Company  
under Sergeant-Major Roylance. Re-  
cruits of No. 2 Platoon under Company  
Sergeant-Major.  
SATURDAY, NOV. 4TH.  
The Band will play at the City Hall  
at 8.30 p.m.  
JOINED.  
No. 1 Company, No. 2 Section.—H. O.  
Bess.  
No. 2 Company, No. 6 Section.—L.  
Lopes.  
No. 2 Company, No. 5 Section.—J. D.  
Marques.  
(Sgd.) J. W. FRANKS,  
A.S.P. (R.).



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or  
INDIAN, desiring to leave the  
Colonies to do so to the Captain Super-  
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours  
before the intended hour of departure,  
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height  
and occupation of the applicant, and  
stating the name of the steamer or other  
vessel or the hours of the train by which  
the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants  
should apply in person for their passes at  
the Central Police Station between the  
hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to  
4 p.m. daily.

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30 Cornhill, London & Canton, 15 St.  
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& WATSON, Ltd., Singapore.  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—A. S. WATSON  
& Co., Manila.  
SHANGHAI.—Messrs. KYLE & WATSON,  
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Hongkong, July 25, 1916.

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### PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

#### TIME TABLE.

##### WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

##### SUNDAY.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

##### NIGHT CARS on Week Days.

8.00 p.m. and 9 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 11.00  
p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.

##### SATURDAY.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement to the  
Company's Office, Alexandra Road Central.  
Season and punch tickets available to  
all cars not already full running at the  
time stated in the Company's time tables,  
but not for special cars, can be obtained  
on application at the Company's Office.  
No Season ticket will be issued until  
payment therefor has been made in Bank  
Notes or Cheques or Compost Notes and  
not in Cash.

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Central Location  
A Electric Traction Free Entrance.  
Electric Lifts, Fans and Lighting,  
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Best of Food and Service.

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IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE RESOURCES OF  
THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LTD.,  
and  
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS  
ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1914,  
£25,976,307.  
—Authorized Capital £5,000,000  
—Subscribed Capital £4,500,000  
—Paid-up Capital £2,487,500  
—Life & Annuity Funds £3,837,047  
—Sinking Fund Account £1,151,860

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,466  
Life and Annuity £1,141,695  
Revenue Marine Department £37,539  
Other Receipts £75,940

£23,976,307  
—£2,381,466  
—£1,141,695  
—£37,539  
—£75,940  
£20,140,707

The Accumulated Funds of the various  
Branches are separately invested, and, by  
Act of Parliament, are not liable to  
the claims under the respective Depart-  
ments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
(Agents)

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

**TAIKOO DOCKYARD.**  
BUILDERS OF SHIPS & ENGINES  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION  
—THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY—  
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KEEP THE LIVER ACTIVE AND THE  
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Price 75 cents Per Bottle.

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Established 1852

MANUFACTURERS OF

## PURE Manila ROPE

STRAND 1" to 15"  
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Oil Drilling Cables of any size up to 3,000 feet in length.

From Sample and full particulars will be forwarded on application to  
**Shewan Tomes & Co., General Managers.**

Hongkong, April 11, 1912.

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## THE HONGKONG HOTEL AND GRILL ROOM

J. H. TAGGART,  
MANAGER.

## PEAK HOTEL.

ADAMANTLY SITUATED AT VICTORIA GAP.

Adjoining the Tramway Terminus, 1,400 feet above Sea Level.  
A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURISTS HOTEL.

Telephones in all rooms. First-class Cuisine, Lounge, Smoking and Ladies  
rooms, Roof Garden.  
Terms:—From 40 per day. Max.  
Telegraph add: "Peaks."  
P. G. FEUSTEL,  
Manager.

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## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD. PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 75 lbs. net.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

## SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

GENERAL MANAGER.

## HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

### HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG  
WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER.

8 A.M. 'HONAM' 8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'  
10 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 6 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

### THURSDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 8 A.M. 'HONAM'  
10 P.M. 'FATSHAN' 6 P.M. 'KINSHAN'

Single Fare by Night Steamer ..... 9.00  
Return Fare by Night (available also for Return by Day Steamer) 18.00  
Single Fare by Day Steamer ..... 6.00  
Return Fare by Day Steamer ..... 12.00

### HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'TAISHAN' Tons 2000. S.S. 'SUI TA' Tons 1800.  
HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wharf, 100 Street Wharf  
Sundays, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

The Company's Steamship, "TAISHAN"

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m.

and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at  
7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street  
Wharf.

### CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. 'SUI TA'.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m.  
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.



## INTIMATIONS

The list will be closed on or before 15th November, 1916.

### HONGKONG GOVERNMENT SIX PER CENT. WAR LOAN OF 1916.

ISSUE OF \$3,000,000 HONGKONG CURRENCY SIX PER CENT. BONDS to Bearer authorized by the War Loan Ordinance 1916.

The Proceeds of the Loan will be handed over to the Imperial Government as a War Contribution from the Colony of Hongkong.

The Principal and Interest of this Loan are guaranteed by the Government of Hongkong and are secured by the Revenues of the Colony.

Price of Issue—\$100 Per Cent.

Interest payable—1st May and 1st November.

First Coupon for full six months interest payable—1st May 1917.

Principal repayable at par on—1st November 1924, or, at the option of the Government of Hongkong, principal may be wholly or partially repaid at any time after fifth year by drawings of Bonds.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, are instructed by the Government of Hongkong to invite subscriptions for the above Loan.

The Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, payable to Bearer with half yearly interest coupons attached payable 1st May and 1st November, at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

The first coupon will be attached to Scrip Certificates which will be exchanged later for definitive Bonds.

This loan will be free from any local taxation as regards both principal and interest.

Applications will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, from whom the necessary printed forms can be obtained. Such applications must be for \$100 or any multiple thereof and be accompanied by a deposit of 25% of the amount applied for.

Applications may be accepted in whole or in part, and in the event of partial allotment the surplus amount paid as deposit will be appropriated towards the payment of instalments due on allotment.

The Government has the right to refuse any application.

Payment will be required as follows:

25 per cent. on application  
25 " " allotment (4th Dec. 1916).  
25 " " 29th December, 1916.  
25 " " 17th January, 1917.

In case of default in the payment of any instalment at its due date, the deposit and instalments previously paid will be liable to forfeiture.

Scrip Certificates, with coupon attached for the first half year's interest due on 1st May 1917, will be issued after payment of the instalment due on allotment, and such certificates, when fully paid, will be exchangeable for Bonds when received. Notice will be given when Bonds are ready for delivery.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
Hongkong, 24th October, 1916. [1176]

### SILIMPON (SEBATTIE) COAL.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO., LTD., are prepared to quote prices for best quality SILIMPON COAL (timbered into Banks at SEBATTIE or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo).

SILIMPON COAL compares favourably with the better grades of Japanese Coal and gives good results on a very moderate consumption.

Steamers calling at SEBATTIE or SANDAKAN exclusively for SILIMPON COAL (either cargo or Bunkers) are exempt from payment of all Port charges.

At Sebatik Steamers are berthed alongside the Company's wharf where there is a minimum depth of 27 to 28 feet at low water Spring Tides.

Charter of Sunko Bay (Sebatik Harbour). Prices and all other information concerning the Port can be had on application to the Agents.

BRADLEY & CO., LTD., Agents, Cowie Harbour Coal Company, Limited.  
Hongkong, Dec. 2, 1915. 1027

TANG YUK DENTIST, successor to the late SIEN TING.  
14, DAQUAN STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.  
Consultation free.

## INTIMATIONS

CHINA EXPORT-IMPORT AND BANK COMPAGNIE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any persons or firms having claims against the Hongkong Branch of the CHINA EXPORT-IMPORT AND BANK COMPAGNIE are required to file same with the Liquidators on or before 31st October, 1916, after which date no claim will be recognized.

BRADLEY & Co., Ltd.  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, Oct. 2, 1916. 1088

## WANTED.

AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY for the Marine Engineers' Guild in Hongkong. An Engineer preferred.

Reply to—  
17, Nanking Road, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, Oct. 23, 1916. 1180

### MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

#### SALE OF WORK

IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES FOR CHILDREN and CHILDREN OF THE EMPIRE FUND for disabled and blind SOLDIERS and SAILORS and the BELGIAN ORPHANS IN BELGIUM.

To be held in the grounds at Government House, by kind permission of His Excellency the Governor on SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER from 2 to 6 P.M.

Entrance only at the Garden Gate in Upper Albert Road.

PRICES OF ADMISSION Adults 30 Cts. CHILDREN 10 Cts.

All members and associates wearing M.C.L. Badges free.

Come to see the "SWANKS" and "TABLEAUX", 5.30 P.M. Tickets \$1.00. Toys and Fancy Articles, Ices, Sweets, Tea, Lucky Well, Tulip Garden.

NO CHITS TAKEN.  
Hongkong, Oct. 24, 1916. 1183



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Cure the Worst Cough

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Mr. Edward Kasahara, writing in the Financial World of New York, says—

Of all industrial vicissitudes brought on Nippon by the present colossal European catastrophe, none is so full of romance and pathos as her rapidly growing shipbuilding and seafaring industry. According to the July bulletin of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, a merchant navy of 56 vessels, ranging from 3,600 to 10,000 tons capacity, all flying the Japanese flag, is at present strenuously trying to relieve the congested condition of the Pacific transportation service. The combined tonnage of these 56 vessels is over 300,000 tons, 75 per cent. of which are freighters.

Such marvellous growth can be more properly appreciated when one takes into account the following comparative figures, showing the states of foreign merchant navies reported at San Francisco (in 1,000 ton units).

Country.	1916.	1915.
Japan	64	178
United States	5	141
Great Britain	2	44
Others	7	13

There are, perhaps, more vessels plying between Yokohama and Seattle and Tacoma than those on the San Francisco-Yokohama route, and a great many of them were chartered at enormous figures by foreign shipping firms.

#### PACIFIC COAST SERVICES.

Right after the San Francisco earthquake a certain Nipponese jancier, who was cashier of a million-dollar bank in the Japanese colony at San Francisco, because of the unsoundness of his banking operations, was forced to the wall, and in 1906 he took French leave for Japan, owing his depositors about a million dollars. Nothing was heard of his affairs in Japan until June, 1916, when an incoming liner brought the glad tidings that the defaulting banker, jumping right in at the early stages of this "shipping game," had recouped it immensely rich.

An industry which had been able to harbour a few dozen lightweight shipbuilders and adventurers, and lift them in rapid succession to the class of millionaires, must have immense economic possibilities back of such lively dramatic performances, and an examination of the status of Nippon as a shipbuilder among the leading nations throws much light on the situation.

The following figures furnish ample explanation of how Japan was able to create more thrills than other nations in the romance of war-time shipbuilding. They show, in 1,000 ton units, the growth of the industry in Japan, the United States and Great Britain for the three years indicated—

Country.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Japan	442	92	136
United States	945	270	270
Great Britain	682	1,790	

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Belligerents.	Neutrals.
Austria	148.9 Norway
Germany	117.8 Switzerland
Italy	117.8 Denmark
Italy	33.3 (food)
Canada	14.8 U.S. States

In the case of the United Kingdom the comparison is with September this year; in that of the other countries it is with two or three months earlier.

The following table shows the percentage changes of prices in various articles in the United Kingdom, Germany, and Norway—

U.K.	Ger.	Nor.
Beef	60 to 80	199
Butter	45	103.1
Eggs	82	228.6
Flour	68	14.3
Rice	—	400
Sugar	164	36
Coffee	—	158
Beacon	45	218.3

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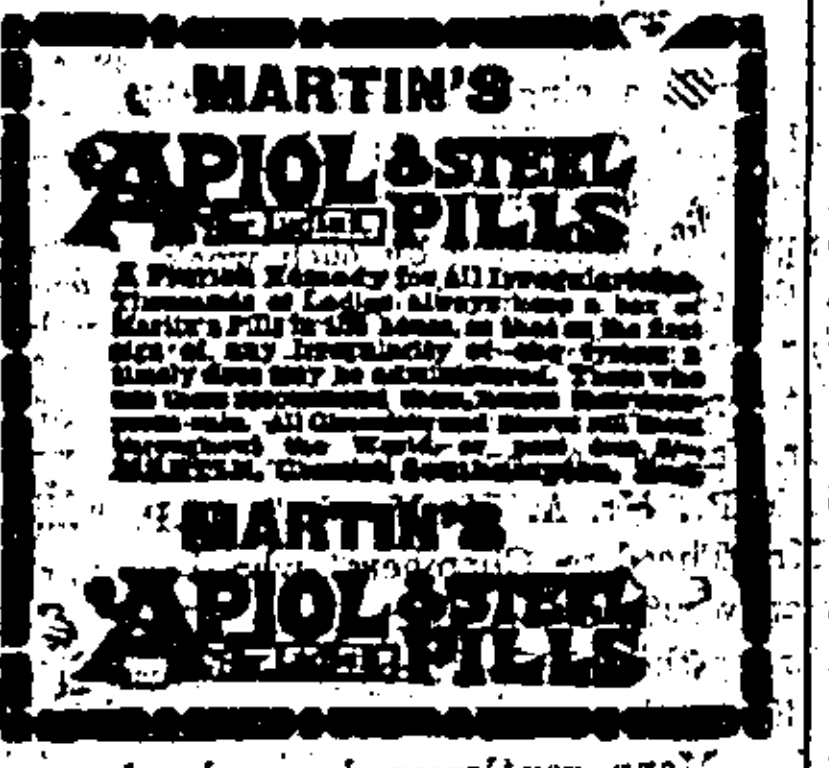
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## THE COLONIAL BUDGET.

### THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY ON THE DEBATE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, replying on the debate on the Budget in the Legislative Council yesterday said:—I am obliged to hon. members for bringing to my notice the unsatisfactory manner in which searching on the wharves are carried out. That is a matter on which formerly, in connection with opium, we had a little trouble and it will receive our earnest attention. Of course, the removing of the Permit Office and the Pass Office to the only available Government building which the Government has in the neighbourhood of the centre of the town is a matter of expense. If we take a room there we lose the rent of it. I am not quite sure whether the Permit Office can conveniently be dissociated from the superintendence of Mr. Hutchinson, but I will enquire into the matter, and if anything can be done I will do it. I would not have thought that the Central Police Station, where the Pass Office is situated, was so far out of the way as to make it inpossible, though I know the people of Hongkong like to have everything brought to their very doors, and we will try and assist them there if we possibly can. It has been suggested that a trained cadet might be available in conducting translations in the Supreme Court. That has been done in the past, and something might be done on the same lines in the future. My sympathies are with hon. members, and especially with the Chinese members, in their criticism of the teaching of English to Chinese boys. I think the hon. member who represents the Chinese touched on the spot pretty well, and hit the right nail on the head when he said we tried to teach too many subjects. We have tried to curtail the subjects as much as possible, but you know what schoolmasters are. They hold strongly to their ideas, and we will see what can be done. I think the real trouble is the paucity of English masters, and that again is regulated by expense. What we really want is more English masters, and the teaching then in the lower schools would be much more efficient than it is. That is a subject which my private secretary, Mr. Ponsonby Fane, who is giving his services at Queen's College, has brought to my notice more than once. Perhaps, when better days come after the war, we will be able to arrange for a larger English staff. The hon. member who represents the Justices of the Peace suggested that money might be spent on improving the Pokfulam and Victoria roads. I drive in a motor-car a great deal, and I do not think those roads are really dangerous at present. Our object is first of all to get the roads through and then "tidy" them. I think that will be agreed that it is wiser to spend all the money we can in opening up roads from point to point and then to improve them. It is suggested that seats should be provided in the playground at Kowloon. That will be done. We have some there already. Do I understand the hon. member to mean that he would like a permanent building in the playground?

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK:—Yes, Sir, near the Hung Hom Station.

His Excellency:—I think that might be within our compass next year. It has also been remarked that poor Chinese are in the habit of raking over the dustbins. That point will be brought to the notice of the Head of the Sanitary Department. Although not strictly connected with the estimates, I, as one personally interested, in the Y.M.C.A., was glad to hear the hon. member say he would be prepared to support a recommendation to the Secretary of State for the granting of a site on easy terms in a central situation. The hon. member who was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce told me some time ago that he would like to put on paper his views on the subject, and I should be very glad to receive them as soon as he has had time to prepare them, and to give the suggestions what support I can. In connection with the War Loan, it was suggested that we should invest our sinking fund in six per cent. exchequer bonds. I do not know if that appeals to the financial mind of the Colonial Treasurer, but we will consider the point. There is just one more thing I would like to add. The hon. member who represents the Justices of the Peace foreshadowed a resolution in this Council connected with the Civil Hospital. Well, now I would inform both him and other unofficial members, before they embark on such a resolution, that it would be well for them to enquire as to the conditions down at the hospital, not only from the staff but from outsiders who are working in the establishment. There are two Dr. Aubrey and Professor Digby, who have no connection with the Government, whatever. There are also ladies in the Colony who have a wide experience of hospital administration and nursing in other Colonies. These ladies can throw light on methods adopted in other places, and that is always useful. I think that hon. members, if they follow my suggestion, will gain a good deal of

information. I beg to thank hon. members for the sympathetic way in which they have dealt with the estimates, and the facilities they have given for passing them smoothly and quickly.

### A CAPTAIN OF PATROL.

### SMALL TALK OF THE GREAT BLOCKADE.

(BY JAMES MILNE.)

"Why," said he, laughing the hearty laugh of the sailor-man, "there's been no fun like it since Noah sailed the Ark in the Deluge." Men, who go down to the sea in ships, doing war business in its great waters, know their Bibles, and his appeal to it was simple, natural. He was speaking of the pursuit and capture of German submarines, of the gathering in of destruction of German mines, in fine of the experiences of a British captain of patrol during the past two years. "Yes," he added quietly, as if to himself, "it's a great game, and we're all fit and happy."

"This was at the end of our talk, when the little, white-haired terrier which had made us acquainted was getting impatient to be on the move. "You don't mind him," I said, and that's friendly," he had said at the beginning, when Sam invaded me. "He's only six months old, and in that time he's been overboard and had to swim for his life three times in the North Sea. I'm skipper of a patrol ship up there, and this is my first bit of leave for 18 months. Wouldn't have got it, perhaps, but the old lady scraped her nose on something hard the other night, perhaps a wreck, and had to lay up, which let me away."

A SON OF THE SEA.

He was young, this Captain of Patrol, perhaps 30, but there was ripeness in his slow way of talking, reflection in his grey eyes. His square chin had a woman's dimple, his cheeks the fresh colour of the open heavens, and a smile danced continually between red lips, which, it just passed through my mind, might be regular. A good fellow, eminently capable, frank and breezy of talk—he was all that, and we got on well. May the golden stripes on the arms of his blue jacket soon be more and wider, for he and a fleetful like him are behind that "Hiveline" in the North Sea of which we love to hear.

"Only two things ever trouble us," he said as he threw Sam a gentle, somewhat, "the want of sleep, when we're mine-sweeping, and the North Sea cold when it is cold. I have, at a spell, been six days and nights on the bridge, for if you are sweeping an unhealthy stretch of sea after a storm has washed hundreds of German mines about, you don't want to delegate the navigation to anybody else. They are pretty hard to see, those mine mines, with a trifle of swell on, and every pair of eyes is needed for the job. I remember, last winter, being where the Hampshire went down with Kitchener, and having a couple of drifting mines scrape the side of my boat. It's an uneasy feeling, because the difference between kingdom come and the rest of your cruise lies just in this—Will you or will you not strike one of the horns of a mine? We didn't then, and I signalled back to other vessels the position of those mines, and they exploded them with rifle fire."

It didn't do, he remarked gravely, to be over near a German mine which was being shot at like that. When it exploded it made a deuce of a row, a waterpout in the air, and it brought up a whole lot of dead fish, which the patrol men often collected, a welcome addition to their sea ration. Oddly, what most struck a friend of my Captain of Patrol, during the Battle of Jutland, was the enormous mass of fish made by German shells falling in the sea. That officer was in an observation post all through the fight, and the little thing that abode with him amid the big things was the affair of the fish. Perhaps that incident is characteristic of life, and death; a mind is numbed by great events, is unable to grasp them, and fastens with relief on the trifle.

NEWS BY THE WINDS.

"I suppose," I said, "you hear what's going on up and down the North Sea; the news will come to you, as news is said to travel in the desert?" He looked at me and nodded, with that air of acceptance of the unknown which belongs to good sailors. "It may sound queer," he talked, "but we do seem to know, quite apart from wireless, the papers, and anything you can name, what's going on. One might put it that the sea has a language of its own, and that the many units of our fleet, from the Super-Dreadnoughts to the trawler-patrol boats, are whispering to each other all the time. Possibly," he added, "this sea-gossip is often wrong, too vague and will-of-the-wisp to be real news; but it gives you the hang of things. No doubt the basis of it is the constant meetings of different men and different crews, who pass along their own doing until you have a great mass of talk and rumour, which never gets into the papers."

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We agreed that sea-gossip, like a love-letter, may gain in interest by having the spice of uncertainty. "And sailors," he said, showing his knowledge of them, "love to talk, and in particular they love to ornament a tale. Humour, the laugh, soft or loud, over something nice or something else not so nice, that all helps to make the sailor's world go round. It is the same old sailor's world even in war time, emphasised by the fact that we have on patrol duty the most wonderful lot of men you ever saw, all sorts and beliefs, all heroes, or with the stuff of heroes in them. But they don't strike any heroic attitudes and they take enemy submarines, enemy mines, and the examination of neutral ships, as being just 'in the day's work.' That was his appreciation of the patrol men, and he spoke it unconsciously, which added to its plain sincerity."

He made an apt comparison of the life of mine-sweeping, with the cleaning up of the streets of a great city in the morning before that city is awake. Your mine-sweeper is at work with the dawn on his special section of the ocean channel along which, by and by, the ships that carry the commerce of the world will pass. Dangerous work, of course, because death may come in a flash, but romantic work also, when reflected in the ships, bound near and far, that it lets go free. There has been nothing like it since Elizabeth's spacious age when the little English ships were forth to help the bigger English ships, and we are all proud of our Captains of Patrol.

EXCHANGE OF CIVILIANS.

ENEMY BID FOR INTERMED MEN THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 17.

A telegram from Berlin quotes an article in the "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" which states that the British Government last June made a proposal to the German Government for the release of British civilians interned at Ruhleben against a similar number of interned German civilians in England.

After a thorough investigation, the German Government replied that it would not oppose the measure in itself, but that its execution should not be made dependent upon the release of a corresponding number of interned Germans in England, as such an exchange, owing to the question of selection, would be insuperable difficulties.

The execution of the suggestion should rather be carried out by both sides releasing or allowing the departure of all those interned.

The British Government rejected the German proposal and made a new proposal that both sides should liberate all male civilian prisoners over the age of 45. The German Government, in reply, again suggested the release and sending home of all interned civilians on both sides on condition that these persons on their return should not be incorporated in the fighting forces.

In the event of the British Government not coming to an agreement on this basis, the German Government declared that it was ready in principle to adopt the British proposal for the release of all interned German civilians in the British Empire, including the Colonies and possessions, and of all British civilians interned in Germany over 45. The reply of the British Government has not yet been received.

### PREMIER AND DEMOBILISATION.

### GRADUAL PROCESS WITH FULL PAY FURLOUGH.

The Premier's reply to the Triple Labour Alliance representatives at the recent interview after war problems has been issued to the trade unions concerned in the shape of a full official transcript of the proceedings.

With regard to demobilisation, Mr. Asquith said that the Government was under whatever conditions it takes place, it must, for military reasons, be a gradual process. Some period of furlough on full pay must inevitably be granted.

Mr. Asquith trusted that, in a very short space of time, the Demobilisation Committee will be able to formulate conclusions to enable the Government to set up in advance machinery which could be brought into active co-operation the moment war came to an end and peace was declared.

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# THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### NO MAN'S LAND AT VERDUN.

#### A GRUESOME PICTURE.

LONDON, Oct. 31. A correspondent gives a gruesome description of No Man's Land at Verdun. He says it is littered with the debris of many fights. Thousands of broken rifles, machine-guns, shells and half-buried corpses are sticking out of the mud in all stages of decay. Some are reduced to skeletons, others there are with scraps of flesh remaining, grinning horribly. Entrenching tools are everywhere turning up bodies which had been built into parapets. The village and station at Fleury has been obliterated. The face of the country is so changed that a commander of an attacking Division declared that although he was stationed at Verdun before the war, he could not now recognise the place.

### IMPORTANCE OF THE FRENCH GAINS.

LONDON, Oct. 31. Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters states that the importance of the territorial gain at Verdun on the 24th inst. lies in the fact that the enemy has been turned off the highest ground on the right of the Meuse. The French are now able to prepare the contemplated operations without observation. The enemy is trying to isolate Douaumont by gunfire and prevent the bringing up of supplies, but their efforts are not successful.

### THE FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

LONDON, Oct. 31. A Russian communiqué states that the enemy has been driven out of several villages in the direction of Hamadan.

### ARREST OF A GERMAN SPY AT ROTTERDAM.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31. The *Telegraaf* states that a German spy has been arrested at Rotterdam. The police seized material showing that he had furnished reports regarding the Allies and also information endangering the safety of Holland. Further arrests are imminent.

### PORTUGUESE CAPTURE NAYALA.

LISBON, Oct. 31. The Portuguese Commander in East Africa reports the capture of Nayala on the 28th inst. and a large quantity of war material and a field gun. The Portuguese losses were one European and one native killed.

The losses of the enemy, who retired precipitately after setting fire to the fortifications, are believed to have been very heavy.

### SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Oct. 31. The Greek steamer *Germaine* has been sunk. The crew were saved. The reports with regard to the *Marina* are most conflicting. It now appears that 36 survivors have landed and that 17 are missing. It is not stated whether there are any American victims.

The steamers *Penslan* and *Sparta* (British) and *Lysland* (Norwegian) have been sunk.

### NORWAY AND GERMAN PIRACY.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 31. The Norwegian Minister to Berlin has arrived at Christiania.

### INSURANCE OF WHEAT CARGOES.

LONDON, Oct. 31. The *Times* states that underwriters suggest that the Wheat Commission before itself accepting risks for the marine insurance of wheat cargoes should inquire into the financial results of the acceptance by Government of the insurance of wheat on cargoes from India last year. A report long current in the market, which has never been officially contradicted, is that the policy resulted in a very considerable debit balance.

### GREEK FIGHTS GREEK.

#### A DIVIDED ARMY.

SALONIKA, Oct. 31. The first act of hostility between the two opposing groups of the Greek Army occurred at Guida, where Royalist troops of the garrison at Katerini attacked an infantry battalion proceeding to Salonika from Verria to join the National Army. The battalion finally cut a way through. There were several casualties.

### THE BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, Oct. 31. A British official report from Salonika states that the situation is unchanged, except for a sharp patrol action at Kalendra.

Naval aeroplanes bombed and damaged a railway bridge east of Drama.

### YORK HOUSE.

LONDON, Oct. 31. The King has placed York House at the disposal of General Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

### OBITUARY.

LONDON, Oct. 31. The death is announced of General Sir Frederick Maunsell.

### A PLEADER'S "PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT."

LONDON, Oct. 31. The Privy Council has refused to grant to Mr. Clive Gaunt, a first-class pleader in the Chief Court of Lower Burma, leave to appeal from a judgment of the Court declaring that he committed professional misconduct, but not in bad faith, in refusing to appear more than twice at the Mandalay Sessions Court to defend a case for which he received a fee of Rs. 1,150.

The Lord Chancellor said it might be most serious to attempt to interfere with the control of a Court over its advocates. If the Judge expressed his views unnecessarily strongly, that was no reason for interference.

### "SISTER."

(BY A SOUTH AFRICAN.)

Tommy is back for a lie in bed. To be patched and settled, nursed and fed.

Safe for a time from the distant storm, Berthed in hospital, snug and warm.

Sister has taken him under her wing. She's a white-capped, slender slip of a thing.

She has frank eyes and capable hands. And a job she thoroughly understands.

Sister is merry and fond of chaff. But she knows when to pity and when to laugh.

She helps him through with his bit of pain. And makes him feel his own self again.

She washes and brushes and makes him smart. Till the night of him gladdens her order-ly heart.

And Tommy's a good little boy once more. Though he stands six-foot on the well-scrubbed floor.

Special favours she grants to none. She loves and mothers them every one.

And parts from her boys with real regret. They don't say much—but they won't forget!

ROMANCE OF A COUNTESS.

DAUGHTER OF HIGH FRENCH OFFICER INTERED.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT.

### BRITISH BOMBARD BEAUMONT HAMEL.

LONDON, Oct. 31. General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says:—We bombarded Beaumont Hamel and did considerable shelling in the Habuerbe and Auchy areas.

There was nothing to report on the Ancre, where inclement weather prevails.

An enemy aeroplane was seen to fall in flames.

#### LATEL.

Sir Douglas Haig telegraphs: Excepting intermittent shelling on both sides during the night, there is nothing to report.

#### ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

BAD WEATHER HAMPERING OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Oct. 31. South of the Somme artillery activity continued in the region of La Maisonnette.

There was no infantry action at Verdun. There were somewhat violent artillery bombardments, but only in the sectors at Haudromont, Douaumont, Fumini Wood and Chenois Wood.

Bad weather is hampering operations everywhere.

#### THE BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

#### A BRITISH RAID.

LONDON, Oct. 30. A British message from Salonika says:—We raided an enemy position at Cretedentes, north-east of Makukovo and inflicted considerable loss on the Germans and Bulgars.

Enemy aeroplanes were brought down north of Lake Doiran.

Our aeroplanes bombed a transport park west of Demirhisar with excellent results.

#### IN THE DOBRUDJA.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE.

ODESSA, Oct. 30. The Russo-Rumanians have assumed the offensive in the Dobrudja.

#### AUSTRIANS DRIVEN BACK.

LONDON, Oct. 31. A Vienna communiqué admits that the Russians drove back the Austrians some miles south-west of Szurdok Pass.

GERMANS FLOUT SWEDISH PROHIBITION.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31. Indignation has been aroused in Sweden at German vessels flouting the Swedish prohibition of the use of wireless in territorial waters. They freely use the apparatus for the purpose of espionage and for informing submarines of the whereabouts of ships, which are then torpedoed.

#### THE SINKING OF THE "ANGELIKI."

#### FURTHER DETAILS.

ATHENS, Oct. 30. The captain of the *Angeliki* says he carried 250 volunteers. He was torpedoed at 9 p.m. without warning. The ship began to sink but was kept afloat by the pumps. There was great panic and many fell overboard and were drowned.

A tug and lighters appeared at five in the morning, but were unable to assist the steamer.

The *Korikos* approached at six o'clock and conveyed the survivors to Kestania.

A French torpedo-boat arrived at ten, and took the captain and the remainder of the crew to Piraeus.

Espionage is indicated by the fact that the steamer *Angeliki* which had previously followed the same course, without volunteers, was not attacked.

\*STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING.

FIFTY AMERICANS ABOARD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. The State Department has been advised that the Glasgow steamer *Marina* with a British and American crew was sunk by gunfire without warning. The crew are safe.

A Newport News telegram says there were fifty Americans aboard.

The American Consul at Queenstown has been instructed to investigate with the object of determining whether Germany's pledges to the United States have been violated.

#### LATER.

The Captain and fifty of the crew of the *Marina* were drowned. Forty survivors have been landed.

[The *Marina* was a steamer of 6,300 tons gross belonging to Donaldson Bros. She was built in 1900 by Furness, Withy and Co., West Hartlepool.]

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### ARMY TROUSERS DEAL.

#### ANOTHER "VIEWER" SENTENCED FOR TAKING BRIBES.

#### MR. JUSTICE LOW'S CENSURE OF CONTRACTORS.

These contractors would disagree any business and it is a shocking thing that they should be allowed to get hold of contracts at all. The jury desire that Messrs. Soar should know that they are under the very gravest censure for what they have done and agree with me that it is a great pity we are not able to punish them as well as Montague, and I agree with the jury. Mr. Justice Low said the Old Bailey recently.

These scathing remarks were uttered by Mr. Justice Low at the close of the case in the Central Criminal Court recently in which George James Montague, an inspector in the Royal Army Clothing Factory, Finsbury, was charged with corruptly accepting gifts from contractors in connection with a contract for trousers.

The jury, after a short consideration, returned a verdict of guilty, but recommended Montague to mercy on account of his previous good character. The jury also expressed the opinion that the two Soars were deserving of the severest censure.

Mr. Justice Low passed sentence of 18 months imprisonment with hard labour, saying it was the least sentence he could impose.

SPECIAL MARKS ON TROUSERS. The contractors in question were Messrs. H. H. Soar & Co., tailors, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, who had undertaken to supply 200 pairs of trousers for the Army at 9s. 6d. per pair.

According to Mr. Muir, who prosecuted, special marks were to be placed on the trousers, and in order to pass bad goods, Montague advised that a certain proportion of good trousers be packed with the bad ones.

Francis William Soar, private in the Durham Light Infantry, said he had been employed by H. H. Soar & Co.—H. H. Soar being his cousin—and in September 1914 sent to the War Office a tender for trousers with the result that the firm obtained a contract to supply 20,000 at 9s. 9d. a pair. Some of the trousers made at a branch establishment were badly made; and after a conversation with a man named "George," witness gave his private address, he had a second contract with "George," and received a visiting card with prisoner's name and address on it.

The Judge: It was after you found the trousers were badly made that you had this second conversation?—Yes.

Witness said he saw prisoner at Thornton-leath, and Montague said: "It is quite easy to get stuff through. It is added that other people were doing the same thing, and spoke of a case in the Boer war where an inspection note was passed three times for the same amount of stuff. He also mentioned that other firms were fixing up the viewers, with the idea of getting stuff passed through without trouble, and that he could do our firm a lot of good or could do us a lot of harm. Defendant added that some manufacturers ought to be shot.

The Judge: He didn't say any viewers ought to be shot?—No, sir.

WHAT THE VIEWERS LOOKED FOR. Witness, continuing, said Montague gave him full particulars of the things the viewers looked for, and the terms arranged for were that he was then to give prisoner 2s.

Judge: What was he to do for it?—He was to pass the stuff through.

Whether good or bad?—Yes.

The Judge: Did you tell him whether the trousers were good or bad?—Yes, I told him that some of the stuff we had had to get made outside our factory was not so good. We were afraid that it would not pass, and we wanted to get it passed. He told us his terms were 2s down and a halfpenny per pair on trousers passed.

Two or three days after the first delivery of trousers witness received a telephone message from Montague, who said, "Things are all right. Keep on sending." Less than a hundred pairs of trousers were rejected out of 20,000.

Witness saw prisoner at White House, Finsbury, and asked him if it was possible to do anything at a new depot at Marylebone, the same as on the first contract. Prisoner replied that they had to be more careful at Marylebone.

Mr. Curtis Bennett (defending): Did you send a selector with a view of claiming 280d, representing 2 per cent on this contract?—Yes.

Henry Herbert Soar, of Soar and Co., stated that when he was first told of his cousin's interview with Montague he refused to have anything to do with the arrangement, but later gave his cousin a cheque for £5.

CONTRACTORS ARE ACCOMPLISHED. The Judge: I am satisfied that this man has been an accomplice, and I am quite satisfied that instead of being where he is he ought to be over there (nodding towards the prisoner's dock).

In reply to Mr. Curtis Bennett, Soar said that he was told by his cousin that he would never get any work through Finsbury, good, bad or indifferent, unless he paid his footing. Witness then said, "Go and see the man," and his cousin afterwards told him of the arrangement to pay 4s. a pair. That money was not paid, but was asked for.

Questioned as to the number of rejections, he said that they numbered 30 out of the 20,000 pairs. "All the rejections came from the trousers which were made at the branch factory."

Defendant, in the box, said he had been a viewer for 39 years. He only inspected 180 out of the 20,000 pairs of trousers sent in by Messrs. Soar. He first heard of Frank Soar when he received a letter from him pleading for an interview. "Soar said his firm had a contract for trousers and he would like to know how he could get them passed."

Witness made an appointment, and he denied that he ever received a penny from him.

In passing sentence the judge said these contractors appeared to have no experience in business, and any boy could make a shilling out of them. He said he would not let them out of his hands until he had seen that they were not tampered with.

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### GERMANS CLOAK DISASTERS AS "SECONDARY" NEWS.

#### FORESEEING BIG RESULTS OF ALLIED "PUSH" BERLIN TAKES REFUGE IN WEAK SUBTERFUGE.

The following article was communicated to the London press from a reliable source:—

On September 7, the German General Staff announced that "it would no longer record in its communiqués operations of secondary importance, but only events of importance."

The announcement was made toward the end of the worst week that the German armies had had since the first week of July.

Guilleminot, Beaumont Farm, Leuze Wood and more than 1,000 prisoners had already fallen to the English. They had just captured all that remained of that German second line of defence from Mouquet Farm to our junction with the French. Guinchy was on the point of falling. The French had already taken Le Forest, Clercy, Soyécourt, Chilly, 7,000 prisoners and 30 guns, many of them heavy. At this point it seemed desirable to the German General Staff to distinguish between "important" events, which should be published, and "secondary" events which should not.

Judged by any other standards of importance than those of the German General Staff, the leading events of the first fortnight in September are these: The English, besides making the capture already mentioned and many hundreds of later prisoners, advanced their line on a front of 6,000 yards to a depth of from 300 to 3,000 yards. The French began by widening the Somme battle front by the distance from Verdun to Villers to Chilly, and went on to make brilliant advances almost daily from one or other sector of this seventeen-mile front, until on September 13 they took Bouchavesnes and established themselves on high ground east of the Péronne-Bapaume road, and only three miles due north of Bapaume. In short, the Allies had begun, within the first two weeks of September, to seize the Péronne-Bapaume-Veris line which General Joffre indicated in his General Army Order of August 23, 1914, as the one from which, at this part of the front, it would have been best for the Allies to start a new offensive after the retreat from the frontiers and Belgium.

"IMPORTANT" NEWS! Which of these changes in the war map does the German General Staff consider "important" enough to be mentioned? It has, certainly, limited promptly enough the loss of Guilleminot and of Bouchavesnes. It took an extra day to deliberate before deciding to mention the loss of Chilly and two days before mentioning the loss of Guinchy. The Wireless News has not said a word, early or late, about the capture of Clercy or Soyécourt, of the fortified farms of Salermont and Labbe or of the fortified woods of Leuze and Marrières.

There has not been a word to indicate that before September 13 the cavity made in the German front had been widened at its base by nearly four miles, or that near its centre, east of Marcourt, its depth had been just about doubled, or that the line of the Péronne-Bapaume road had been broken in upon or that the Allied troops had begun to form a second round the south-west of Combles and another crescent round the west of Péronne. These are the kind of events which the German General Staff, regards as "secondary," and therefore ignores.

GOINGS FOR WAR-TIME. PARIS SAYS THAT STYLES MUST BE SIMPLE AND DIGNIFIED.

A London paper has the following "Fashion Note":—An electric shock is running through the fashion world.

Paris speaks its decrees once a year. This year the decree is revolutionary. Women are to dress in dignified simple styles.

Materials are to be of the softest clinging variety: satins, lustrous and folded in places that fall softly, draped charmeuses and velvets of the thinnest texture. Gowns will have long slim lines. The fullest will be no less, but it will be concealed in pleats and folds.

Trains—the dread of the awkward man—are to be with us again.

NO YOUNG MAIDS. GIRLS NOW PREFER MUNITION WORK TO ENTERING HOUSE SERVICE.

As the big London houses reopen one by one, the domestic service crisis grows daily more acute, remarks a London paper.

Ladies' maids, head parlourmaids and chefs asking 250 a year are to be had in plenty, but few households run to these salaries.

Not only that, but high wages, two free afternoons a week and many other attractions will tempt the younger maids from more important national work.

Until a big reform is effected in the manner of giving references, the independent young people of to-day will not enter service, was the opinion of a *Maiden* agency for providing maids.

"It is only just that a true, written reference should be given to each maid who leaves. Many a girl's career is wrecked by a mistress who, when asked to give a reference, gives a false one."

A maid from a London factory, after having been in the city for some time, was asked to give a reference. She said: "I have been in the city for some time, and I have not been asked to give a reference."

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